

June 30, 1986

Implementation Task Force Meeting

Marty opened the meeting by reporting on the staffs activities since the release of the Commissions final report. She stated that over 1500 copies of the RERMV report have been mailed out, and that the office has received 650 requests for the Civil Rights Handbook. The Disabled Rights Handbook will also be released by mid-July. Marty mentioned that she received a few complaints about the final report from individuals who believed Arabs should also have been specifically included in the Commissions mandate. But after it was explained that the recommendations apply to all people and that it was necessary to keep the Commission at a workable size, most were satisfied.

Marty also reviewed the status of pertinent RERMV legislation. She gave the status of SB 2080 and SB1961. Marty said the AG's legislative staff will need full concept papers for any bill which it is asked to draft. Kirk volunteered to assist in writing these papers. Marty stressed that all legislation must be carried by the AG, if the commissioners lobbied for their own legislation the result would be confusion and embarrassment which would hurt the entire legislative effort.

Marty concluded by reporting that Bill Honig wrote the AG expressing his willingness to meet the Commission members to discuss the activities of his office in developing programs and curricula addressing human relations issues. The commissioners unanimously agreed that Msgr. Barry and the subcommittee chairpersons should meet with Honig at the earliest possible date. Yu suggested the meeting should concentrate on the implementation of the RERMV Commissions recommendations, and set up a progress meeting with him six months later to evaluate the development of the implementation. Lytle added that the first meeting should be kept on a general level, discussing what the Department of Education can do overall instead of discussing specific issues, since Honig will most likely delegate work in this area to his staff. Marty mentioned that not until next year will legislation

providing for funds for HRC's in all counties be introduced. Yu believed the timing for that is appropriate because HRC and educational reform go hand in hand.

The Bishop proposed planing out a years calander. Everyone agreed to meet quarterly on a friday. The first meeting will be held sometime around September 16 (The Bishop will not be in the state until the 13), and the second meeting on December 12, five o'clock in Oakland.

The meeting concluded with a discussion on the future role of DFEH in reviewing and investigating Ralph Act compliants. Marty believed the Commission may have missed the mark by recommending that DFEH continue to have the authority to review cases before they are investigated by DOJ. In light of DFEH's refusal to accept the latest Ralph Act compliant from Concord, she felt that DFEH's role in Ralph Act compliants should be terminated, and in its place recommend DOJ to review and investigate these cases. Lytle disagreed with this proposal. She believed it would be adequate with to meet with DFEH to discuss and clarify the standards they should use when reviewing Ralph Act compliants. She felt their attitude about accepting these cases will change in the future, particularly when they are no longer under the influence of California's current Governor. Even more important, Lytle strongly believed that it is vital to keep this authority with a civil department. Victims are more likely to report to a civil department than the police, and law enforcement has historically not been interested in enforcing human rights.

The meeting concluded at 7:45.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S COMMISSION ON RACIAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS, AND MINORITY VIOLENCE



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October 22, 1986

Monsignor William J. Barry  
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Dear Msgr. Barry:

I took the liberty of opening the attached letter since it came to this office. I am sending copies to the other Task Force members for their information.

The next meeting of the Task Force has been scheduled for December 12, 1986 at 6:00 p.m. in San Francisco. Diane, Alice and Bishop Herzfeld have indicated that they will be able to attend.

I think it would be a good idea to invite Mr. Smith, and/or Dr. Burton and Mary Weaver, to meet with the Task Force on that date if he is available, and he can give us a progress report at that time. In the meantime, I will continue to maintain liaison with Dr. Burton and Mary Weaver.

As a follow up to our recommendation to Superintendent Honig to expand the school/law enforcement partnership, we have identified the following persons to be resource persons, and they have accepted.

Sergeant Dan Ortega  
San Jose Police Department

Lieutenant Walter Adkins  
San Jose Police Department

Lieutenant Art Venegas  
Fresno Police Department

As we get closer to the date, I will develop a tentative agenda for your approval.

Sincerely, *Marty Mercado*

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cc: ITF Members, Marian Johnston, Manny Medeiros

P.S. We are waiting for the human rights curriculum to be sent to us from DOE. As soon as I receive it I will distribute to all Commission members and ask for their input.

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**Bill Honig**

Superintendent

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October 10, 1986

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Chairman  
Attorney General's Commission on Racial, Ethnic,  
Religious, and Minority Violence  
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Dear Msgr. Barry:

Superintendent Honig and I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and other Commission members concerning the recommendations from the Racial, Ethnic, Religious, and Minority Violence (RERMV) Commission. We look forward to working with you in the future and to your involvement with various programs in the Department. Superintendent Honig or I will be glad to meet with you on a semi-annual basis to re-examine the issues and progress to ensure that all students attend school in a violence-free environment.

Department staff will examine the procedures involved in our school crime reporting program during the spring of 1987, including the type of crime and the appropriate data detail for each crime. Again, we invite your participation with the Task Force charged to assess the effectiveness of our School Crime Reporting Program. The recommendations from that Task Force and our legal office will influence the direction of future reporting of crimes committed on school campuses or at school-related functions.

Our History and Social Science Unit will be distributing the Human Rights and Genocide Model Curriculum for review and comments. The model curriculum will serve as a guideline and is not intended to be a complete or exhaustive curriculum. The curriculum will contain standards and concepts with representative examples of issues, violations of human rights, and genocide. For additional information on the model curriculum, you may wish to contact Dr. Diane Brooks, Manager of the History and Social Science Unit.

We agree that administrators, teachers, and all other school staff should know how to deal with potentially disruptive campus situations. Many schools and districts already have conflict management programs in operation. Those agencies that do not have such programs may receive specialized training for program development through our School/Law Enforcement Partnership, a cooperative effort with the Office of the Attorney General and the State Department of Education.

Msgr. William J. Barry

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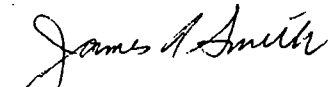
In addition, Dr. Reuben Burton, Manager of our Intergroup Relations Unit, and Ms. Mary Weaver, Manager of our School Climate Unit, are collaborating on the preparation of a document that will assist schools and districts to formulate alternative strategies and action plans for the management and prevention of campus violence.

I understand that staff from the Attorney General's Office and our School Climate Unit plan to expand the School/Law Enforcement Partnership Cadre to include persons both from law enforcement and education who have expertise in RERMV prevention and control. Those persons recommended to our staff will participate in the training and updates regularly scheduled for Cadre members.

The issue of homosexuality is sensitive. Regardless of the lifestyle chosen, all people have the right to respect from others. We will continue to explore ways in which our educational programs can promote the need for tolerance for the diversity expressed by all humans.

Your commitment and work in promoting a violence-free society is to be commended. It is persons like yourself and the other Commission members that will enable our society to uphold the democratic traditions and values upon which this country is based.

Sincerely,



James R. Smith, Deputy Superintendent  
Curriculum and Instructional Leadership

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November 26, 1986

IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Attached is the agenda for our meeting on Friday, December 12, 1986 in San Francisco. The meeting will be at the Celadon Restaurant, 881 Clay Street (cross street Stockton). I have arranged for a separate room. I have invited Dr. Ramiro Reyes, our liaison with the Department of Education, to attend. Fred Persily and Trish Donahue will also be attending.

If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Very truly yours,

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Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence
Task Force Meeting
Friday - December 12, 1986
5:30 p.m.
Celadon Restaurant, 881 Clay Street
San Francisco

1. Status of implementation efforts
2. Department of Education follow-up
 - Status of Human Rights curriculum draft report
3. Meeting with Gene Mornell, Los Angeles Co. Human Relations Commission
4. School/Law Enforcement Partnership Cadre
5. Proposed Legislation
6. Follow-up with Commission on POST
 - OCJP
7. Other

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December 3, 1986

Dr. Ramiro Reyes
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Dear Dr. Reyes:

The Attorney General's Implementation Task Force on RERMV will meet in San Francisco on December 12, 1986 at 5:30 p.m. at the Celadon Restaurant, 881 Clay Street. Enclosed is a copy of the Agenda. We would very much like to have you attend the meeting to update the Commission with respect to activities within the Department of Education, particularly the status of the Human Relations Curriculum Report.

Please let me know if you are able to attend.

Very truly yours,

JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP
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cc: Jim Smith

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August 15, 1988

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Items to be discussed are: 1) status report - RERMV legislation; 2) current issues; 3) reconvening of full Commission.

Please advise if you cannot attend.

Very truly yours,

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Regards -

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**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S COMMISSION ON RACIAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS AND MINORITY
VIOLENCE**

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORT

In April of 1986 the Attorney General's Commission on Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence presented its final report of findings and recommendations to the Attorney General.

The Commission found that hate violence persists in California and poses a threat to the peace and safety of our communities; and that public awareness of hate violence needs to be increased in order to effectively respond to and prevent it.

The 16-member Commission was created by Attorney General John K. Van de Kamp in May of 1984 to assess the incidence of crimes motivated by bigotry and prejudice; the adequacy of the laws to deal with these crimes; and to make recommendations to control and reduce hate violence.

In April, 1986, the Commission released its final report to the Attorney General. The report contains 38 recommendations on how hate violence can be prevented and controlled in California. Since its release, several of the recommendations have been implemented, and others are in the process of being adopted. Following is a summary of the implementation of the RERMV Commission's recommendations.

DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

The Commission recommended that the California Department of Justice (DOJ) should collect and disseminate information on the incidence of

hate crimes. Currently California, along with most other states, does not collect information on hate violence. Because of this lack of information, California lacks the ability to determine the severity of hate violence, to identify the resources needed to respond to hate violence, and to make decisions about allocating those resources. Accordingly, it was determined that developing a statewide RERMV statistic collection system was of the utmost importance.

In 1984 Senator Diane Watson introduced SB 2080 which authorized the Department of Justice to conduct a pilot project to determine the feasibility of establishing a statewide data collection system. The report to the legislature recommended that a state agency should collect information on hate crimes on a permanent statewide basis. The final report developed a model reporting system that defined hate crimes, and developed appropriate procedures on how local law enforcement can report such crimes.

Senator Watson has introduced SB 802 which would require local law enforcement agencies, on a permanent basis, to report to Department of Justice any acts or attempted acts to cause physical injury, emotional suffering, or property damage which appear to be motivated, in whole or in part, by the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation. The manner of reporting would be prescribed by the Attorney General.

SB 802 is presently in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Assemblyman Charles Calderon has introduced AB 39, which would also require Department of Justice to collect information on incidents of RERMV from local law enforcement agencies.

AB 39 also would partly implement another commission recommendation to increase penalties for crimes motivated because of the victim's sexual orientation, disability or age. California Penal Code Section 1170.75

identifies the motive of bias based on race, religion, or ethnicity as an aggravating factor for consideration in sentencing. AB 39 would additionally include sex, and sexual orientation of the victim. (Age and disability have already been added in previous legislation.)

PROPOSED CALIFORNIA CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

One of the major recommendations of the RERMV Commission was to increase criminal penalties for crimes motivated by hate violence. Attorney General's John Van de Kamp Office has responded by sponsoring legislation for this purpose. The bill, AB 63, is being carried by Assemblyman Tom Bane. Under AB 63, any existing misdemeanor will automatically be automatically increased to a misdemeanor/felony, punishable by up to three years in prison, if it is committed because of the victim's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin or sexual orientation.

If hate-motivated conduct is not already covered by a specific statute, the bill creates a new misdemeanor prohibiting the use of force or threats to interfere with the free exercise of constitutional rights because of the victim's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin or sexual orientation.

AB 63 will seek to prevent hate violence in the first place by empowering the Attorney General, district attorneys and city attorneys to request temporary restraining orders when such conduct is threatened. The injunction procedure would be similar to that currently used to prevent domestic violence.

AB 63 passed the Assembly, and is now in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

In addition to increasing criminal penalties, the commission also recommended amending the Ralph Civil Rights Act, California Civil Code section 51.7, to strengthen civil penalties. SB 1961 (Watson), which was sponsored by the Attorney General's Office, was signed into law and became effective on January 1, 1987.

The bill provides maximum civil penalties of up to \$10,000 against those found guilty of hate crimes, attorney fees and triple the amount of actual damages to those who are successful in seeking damages for hate crimes.

SB 1961 also provides notice in the Ralph Civil Rights Act of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing's (DFEH) authority to investigate complaints filed under the law.

In addition, the Attorney General's Division of Law Enforcement has entered into an agreement with DFEH to conduct Ralph Act investigations when required.

Internal administrative procedures have also been adopted to assure that complaints of civil rights violations are recorded and referred to the Civil Rights Enforcement Section for monitoring.

HUMAN RELATIONS CENTERS

To address the problem of hate violence in our communities, the RERMV Commission recommended the establishment of human relations centers to provide a broader range of services than those currently provided for by local human rights commissions. The intent of the recommendation would require centers to collect information on and report acts of hate violence,

assist victims, and work with schools and local law enforcement to prevent and control hate violence. The centers would conduct community outreach to gain recognition as an appropriate agency to receive reports on hate crimes.

Assemblywoman Gwen Moore has introduced AB 1081, which has the support of the Attorney General's Office, to require the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) to administer a pilot project that would establish three hate crimes centers in conjunction with local human rights commissions. The centers would perform various tasks including gathering information, forming conflict resolution programs, creating community task forces, and working with schools. This bill would also require OCJP to submit a report on the hate crimes centers to the legislature. AB 1081 has recently passed the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, and is now in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

EDUCATION AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE

The Attorney General's Commission has received nationwide recognition. Over 6,000 copies of the Commission's Final Report have been distributed to all State Attorneys General, state officials, law enforcement agencies, civil rights and community organizations, and interested persons.

In the Fall of 1986, the Office of Community and Consumer Affairs (OCCA), in conjunction with the Civil Rights Enforcement Section, published the first edition of the Civil Rights Newsletter. The newsletter is designed to keep the public informed on issues the Attorney General's Office is currently involved with in the area of civil rights. The newsletter is

distributed to interested individuals, including California judges, legislators, Constitutional Officers, county board of supervisors, local law enforcement agencies, and civil rights organizations.

The commission recommended that the Department of Justice update **Unlawful Discrimination: Your Rights and Remedies**, and distribute it to community organizations, law enforcement agencies, schools, and other appropriate organizations.

Nearly 20,000 of the revised handbooks, which were published last year, have already been distributed to the public.

In addition, the **Rights of Disabled Persons Handbook** was produced and distributed to appropriate agencies and interested persons. The handbook is a general summary of the federal and state laws affecting disabled persons in employment, housing, education, health care, and access to building, transportation, and telecommunications.

The Attorney General has also recently established a **Commission on Disability**, which will study and critique the laws enacted to protect disabled citizens, and make appropriate recommendations.

The Attorney General's Crime Prevention Center has developed the **Sentinel**, a newsletter for seniors, as well as other materials designed to aid the elderly and disabled in crime prevention.

The Crime Prevention Center's Elder Abuse brochure has been translated into Spanish, and the **Sentinel** also carries a feature story in Spanish.

After meeting with Executive Director Al Howenstein, Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP), on the unique needs of RERMV victims, a workshop on RERMV crimes and victims' needs was held at the Governor's

Annual Crime Victims Conference. Copies of the Commission's report were distributed to those attending and distributed by OCJP to all victim assistance centers in the state.

RERMV IN SCHOOLS

Although school campuses have been the scenes of tragic hate crimes, public concern over crimes in schools has not focussed on violence motivated by bigotry.

The RERMV Task Force met with Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honig to assess ways to address this issue in our schools and were pleased with Superintendent Honig's receptivity to recommendations to assist in focussing on this problem.

Specifically, the RERMV Task Force recommended that:

1) The Schools Crime Report be revised to distinguish violence motivated by bigotry from other forms of school violence. Superintendent Honig agreed that a member of the RERMV Task Force be assigned to work with the Department of Education (DOE) Task Force which reviews and recommends changes to the report. Commissioner Alice Lytle has been assigned to work with the DOE Task Force.

2) AB 1273 (Calderon), 1985, mandated DOE to develop a model curricula addressing human relations issues. The draft report **Model Curriculum for Human Rights and Genocide**, which offers guidelines to local school districts on how they can develop courses to teach children the fundamentals of basic human rights, was distributed to all RERMV Commissioners for their review and comment. The RERMV Task Force will have the

opportunity to review the final draft of the report before it is published sometime in the fall.

3) Superintendent Honig and Attorney General Van de Kamp agreed to include RERMV as part of the agenda for the School/Law Enforcement Partnership program. The Partnership program began in 1983 to promote safer schools, reduce truancy and encourage good citizenship. In order to reach these goals a cadre of persons with expertise in these areas was formed. Professionals from both the educational and law enforcement field have been trained to provide technical assistance and resource materials to schools and law enforcement agencies to better acquaint them with successful ways of dealing with truancy and school violence.

The cadre has now been expanded to include experts in dealing with RERMV incidents and will provide the cadre with new expertise on how local schools can respond to and prevent outbreaks of hate violence in schools.

Presentations on the commission activities and recommendations have been made at the annual training seminars for cadre members, and the commission's report has been distributed to all members.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

In addition to state agencies and community groups, the RERMV Commission's Final Report was also distributed to all law enforcement agencies and organizations in the state.

At least one agency, the Concord Police Department, has actively responded to the report. The department is conducting training on cultural

relations for all law enforcement officers in the county. It should be noted also that other law enforcement agencies, Fresno and recently Los Angeles, have started collecting data as well.

Another commission recommendation called upon the Attorney General to work with local law enforcement agencies and representatives working with immigrants to develop and distribute model policies for addressing violence perpetrated against undocumented persons. In response, the Attorney General's Office has distributed to local law enforcement agencies copies of the Opinion that recognized that local law enforcement agencies are not under any obligation to assist the Immigration and Naturalization Agency (INS). Copies of the San Jose and Los Angeles Police Departments policies on this issue have been distributed to law enforcement organizations.

The Attorney General has also established an internal task force to monitor how the INS implements the new immigration legislation that grants amnesty to aliens who have lived in the United States since January 1, 1982. The role of the Attorney General's Office will be to make sure that the civil rights of undocumented persons are not violated.

The commission recommended that the Attorney General should appoint a Task Force on American Indians and Justice to analyze law enforcement needs on reservations, the impact of Public Law 280, and other topics. The Attorney General has appointed three Deputy Attorney General's as liaison to native American groups.

In addition, an article entitled, "Law Enforcement in Indian Country", was prepared for the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

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Southland News

L.A. Brothers Attacked In Case Similar To Vincent Chin

By Grace Wai-Tse Siao

LOS ANGELES -- Three Chinese men were verbally and physically attacked by two white men who thought they were Japanese in a Silver Lake district restaurant Los Angeles about a month ago.

Observers pointed out the similarity between this case and the notorious bludgeoning death of Vincent Chin.

Two of the Chinese, an attorney and an investment banker, are sons of a prominent businessman in Los Angeles Chinatown. The attorney agreed to be interviewed by *Asian Week*

provided his and his brother's names are not used. The third is an architect. All are in their 20s or 30s.

The three men were the only patrons eating and drinking at L.A. Nicola Restaurant on Sunset Boulevard when the two whites came in, said the attorney. His architect friend made a casual comment on what the whites were drinking.

At this point one of the whites asked the Chinese "whether or not there has been a Honda convention in town," the attorney said.

The Chinese told the white man he should be careful about

what he said.

Nevertheless, the white man continued: "Where are all your cameras?"

The attorney said his party told the second white man to tell his friend to shut up. But asking, "Who's going to make me shut up?" the first white man hit the investment banker in the face, the attorney said.

"All five of us got into a wrestling match after that."

Then the restaurant owner arrived on the scene and ordered the two white men to leave, the attorney said. "But when the management found out why we had a fight, they went out the door to look for those guys. The owner said he had seen the second white man in his restaurant bar before and that he is a construction worker."

The attorney said both whites are in their 20s, the first is of average build and was wearing a fraternity shirt; the second is about 5'8" tall and weighs more than 200 pounds.

"When I was thrown on the floor, I was hoping this will not turn into another Vincent Chin case," the attorney said. "Fortunately, they did not return with a baseball bat."

He was referring to a Chinese American man in Detroit who was mistaken for Japanese and beaten to death with a baseball bat by white auto workers several years ago. The case grew into a rallying point for Asian Americans nationwide.

Irvin Lai, national president of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, said: "The Vincent Chin case happened because (supposedly) there were not enough Asian Americans (in that area). But for this to happen in Southern California is a very serious situation."

"This outrageous incident," said Victor Huey, a legislative aide to City Councilwoman Gloria Molina, whose district includes Chinatown, "shows how much more progress our society will need to make in terms of equality and understanding between different ethnic groups."

Melisa Nicola, an owner of the restaurant, said she and her husband are friends with the Chinese brothers. "The two white men were drunk when they came into the restaurant and were looking for somebody to pick on."

"They will never be allowed into the restaurant again," she added.

Nikkei Drug Program Starts In Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES -- A weekly family support group established for Japanese-speaking people with drug problems will begin on Thursday, Sept. 22 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Asian American Drug Abuse Program's outstation office at the Little Tokyo Service Center.

The group will provide Japanese-speaking parents and youths an outlet to talk about their problems, and to learn more about drugs and drug addiction from AADAP's professionally trained Japanese-speaking counselor.

AADAP outpatient counselor Tad Horiguchi saw the need for such a group when he received a dozen phone calls from Japanese-speaking mothers and grandmothers who were concerned about a family member's drug misuse.

Horiguchi said that many Japanese-speaking children have trouble making friends because of language difficulties. "Using drugs makes them feel like they fit in with other drug users."

"The mothers who have called feel like they're alone, like they're the only ones suffering," said Horiguchi. "I feel they need a support system."

Horiguchi sees the group as a vehicle for people to "release tension, to let go of their anger, confusion and stress" by sharing these feelings with others who are going through the same thing. And the group will also let participants know that they're not alone.

Along with discussion Horiguchi

will also show educational films and distribute drug literature.

A drug problem affects the entire family, emphasized Horiguchi. "The other family members are under a lot of stress and they often don't feel good about themselves. Japanese-speaking parents don't know what to do. They feel lost."

No fees are required for the groups, but donations are welcomed. Horiguchi encourages mothers, fathers and youths from all over Los Angeles County to attend.

The Little Tokyo Service Center is located at 244 S. San Pedro St. in Los Angeles. For information call Tad Horiguchi at (213) 293-6284 or at the Little Tokyo Service Center on Fridays between 9 a.m. and noon, (213) 680-3729.

Japanese Designs Showing In L.A.

LOS ANGELES -- An exhibition of contemporary Japanese graphic design will open at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center's Doizaki Gallery on Sept. 22.

The gallery showing is part of a week-long series of 25 events relating to Japan.

A seminar and discussion will be led by five top Japanese designers at the Japan America Theatre on the same day at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For information call (213) 628-2725 or 680-3700.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HATE CRIMES

Harassment, intimidation and violence perpetrated against individuals because of their race, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation have occurred nationwide on a continuing basis.

The problem of hate crimes is of great concern to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, as an organization which throughout its seventy-five year history has been dedicated to the eradication of bigotry and prejudice.

In order to focus attention on the devastating effects of hate crimes, and to discuss some of the remedies employed to directly address this serious community problem, the ADL is proud to sponsor this national conference on hate crimes.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
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Keynote Luncheon Speaker: **Charles Hynes**

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Moderators:

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Wednesday, October 26, 1988

Century Plaza Hotel

Los Angeles, California

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m.-4:30 Program

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September 26, 1988

RERMV Task Force Members

Attached is summary of meeting of September 13.

I will follow-up on items as noted and get back to you regarding next meeting date.



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Attachment

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RERMV TASK FORCE MEETING
September 13, 1988
San Francisco

Present: Msgr. William Barry; Diane Yu; Marian Johnston, Civil Rights Enforcement Section, Department of Justice, Anne Noel and Lynette Jee, Fair Employment and Housing Commission; Fred Persily, RERMV Consultant and Director, Contra Costa Human Relations Commission; Marty Mercado, Attorney General's Office.

Task Force Members not present: Bishop Will Herzfeld; Judge Alice Lytle

The Task Force was reconvened for the purpose of reviewing the status of proposed legislation and identifying activities and strategies for the future.

Legislation

Mercado reported that SB 802 (Watson) which mandated RERMV data collection by law enforcement officers, was not passed out of the Assembly. Senator Watson plans to reintroduce legislation. Discussion re possible strategies for public support and coordination of community organization support and lobbying effort. CAHRO mentioned as possible vehicle to monitor legislation and coordination effort.

It was recommended that staff/Task Force meet with Senator Watson to discuss strategy of one year bill rather than two year.

Report on Current Issues

Mercado reported the following:

An advisory committee has been formed to work with the California District Attorneys Association to develop a training course for DA's on the new Bane Civil Rights Act (AB 63).

San Francisco Police Department has issued a training bulletin on hate crimes to their officers and has started RERMV data collection. They are also developing a video on Ralph Act violations to assist in the training of officers.

Because of the great amount of information gathered by the Office of Community Affairs in the AG's office and the need to disseminate this information, the Attorney General has agreed to institutionalize a statewide clearinghouse to provide information on RERMV incidents, model prevention and control programs and available resources for community organizations. A database will be established within the Office of Community Affairs for this purpose.

Reconvene RERMV Commission

Mercado reported that she had discussed reconvening the full RERMV Commission with Attorney General Van de Kamp and that he was amenable to the idea. However, it was his view that the Commission should hold a public hearing to determine if RERMV incidents are increasing, the existence of new hate groups, and what more can be done to reduce or control hate crimes.

There was discussion re the need for more publicity on the existence of the Ralph Act and the role the DFEH can and should play. It was noted that there is no formalized system to take complaints on RERMV cases. Anne Noel advised that the DFEH is developing a brochure on the use of Ralph Act which will be widely distributed. The Commission has indicated its desire to take a more active role in RERMV issues and wants to cooperate in any way possible with the AG's Commission. A meeting with the Director and the Task Force was suggested.

The role of human relations commissions was also discussed and the possibility of asking them to testify at the public hearing to address this question.

It was suggested that law enforcement agencies currently collecting data on RERMV crimes be asked to testify on their experience, problems they have encountered, etc.

The issue of the school curricula was discussed and what the status is regarding implementation. Staff will follow-up on this and report to the Task Force. The suggestion was made that schools be asked to testify at the hearing also re problems they are encountering.

The timing of the public hearing was discussed, and the possibility of two hearings - one in the north and one in the south. Mercado suggested that because of other workload the hearing would probably be scheduled for April of May of 1989. Msgr. Barry noted that the earlier this can be scheduled the better.

The next meeting of the task force will be set as soon as staff has prepared a tentative workplan and proposed agenda for the hearing.